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110TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 6119

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 21, 2008

Mr. ROSS (for himself and Mr. VAN HOLLEN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*



1 SECTION 1. PERMITTING ALL PHYSICIANS, AS DEFINED  
2 FOR PURPOSES OF THE MEDICARE PRO-  
3 GRAM, TO PERFORM REQUIRED FACE-TO-  
4 FACE EXAMINATIONS AND PRESCRIBE MEDI-  
5 CARE COVERED DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIP-  
6 MENT, PROSTHETICS, ORTHOTICS, AND SUP-  
7 PLIES.

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Clauses (ii) and (iv) of section  
9 1834(a)(1)(E) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
10 1395m(a)(1)(E)) are each amended by striking “section  
11 1861(r)(1)” and inserting “section 1861(r)”.

12 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
13 subsection (a) shall apply to face-to-face examinations and  
14 prescriptions made on or after January 1, 2009.

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